

Seminar Schedule

Friday, May 1

- 6:00 p.m. **Registration in Sihler Auditorium**
- 6:45 p.m. **Welcome**
–Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, President and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary
- Introduction**
–Dr. Adam S. Francisco, Assistant Professor of Historical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary
- 7:00–8:30 p.m. **Three Mission Contexts: Which One Are We In?**
–Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, District President, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, LCMS
- 8:30–9:00 p.m. **Q and A**
- 9:00–10:00 p.m. **Reception in Student Commons**

Saturday, May 2

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration in Sihler Auditorium**
- 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Contending for the Faith through the Centuries (in an Hour)**
–Dr. Adam S. Francisco
- 9:15–10:30 a.m. **Cruciform Apologetics**
–Dr. Jeff Mallinson, Academic Dean, Trinity Lutheran College (Everett, WA)
- 10:45–12:00 p.m. **Exposing the Materialist Delusion: How Human and Divine Agency Survive the Materialist Onslaught**
–Dr. Angus Menuge, Professor of Philosophy, Concordia University (Mequon, WI)
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15–2:30 p.m. **Answering Muslim Objections to the Christian Faith**
–Mr. Sam Shamoun, Author and Missionary, answering-islam.org
- 2:45–3:45 p.m. **Imaginative Apologetics: C.S. Lewis and the Defense of the Christian Faith**
–Rev. Dr. Steven Mueller, Professor of Theology and Dean of Christ College, Concordia University (Irvine, CA)
- 4:00–5:15 p.m. **A Lawyer Amongst the Artists: Legal and Literary Apologetics**
–Mr. Craig Parton, Esq., Lawyer and United States Director of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism, and Human Rights
- 5:15–5:30 p.m. **Closing**



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(1 Peter 3:15)



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Seminar Information

Seminar Description

Integral to the task of Christian witness in a secular and pluralistic culture is the ability to articulate and defend the truthfulness of the Gospel. Concordia Theological Seminary is, therefore, pleased to offer "Contending for the Faith in the Twenty-First Century." The goal of this conference is simple: to encourage and equip Christians for the task of "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for the reason for the hope among us" (1 Peter 3:15). Presentations will be made on a variety of topics from atheism to Islam as well as historical, contemporary, and the practical considerations of Christian witness. Attendees can expect to leave the conference with greater confidence, understanding, and insight into the nature and task of Christian witness in the public sphere.

Seminar Fee

\$50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

Registration

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Seminar Speakers



Dr. Adam S. Francisco

Adam Francisco graduated from Concordia University (Irvine, California) with the M.A. in Theology. Afterwards he moved to England where he studied Arabic and Islamic theology at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. He earned both the M.St. and D.Phil. for his work in the history of Christian-Muslim relations at the University of Oxford. Dr. Francisco was also the Albin Salton Fellow at the University of London from 2004–2005. He then joined the History Department of Concordia College (Bronxville, New York) until his recent appointment as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary. Dr. Francisco's publications include *Theologia et Apologia: Essays in Reformation Theology and Its Defense* and *Martin Luther and Islam*.



Dr. Jeff Mallinson

Jeff Mallinson serves as Academic Dean of Trinity Lutheran College, an independent and pan-Lutheran, biblically-based liberal arts college in Everett, Washington. Dr. Mallinson graduated from Concordia University (Irvine, California) and completed his doctorate with the theology faculty at Oxford, focusing on epistemology in the Reformation era. His resulting published dissertation, essays, and presentations tend to involve the application of Reformation-era thought (especially Luther's theology of the cross) to contemporary philosophical concerns.



Dr. Angus Menuge

Angus Menuge earned a B.A. in philosophy from Warwick University, a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Diploma in Christian Apologetics from the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights, Strasbourg, France. An adult convert to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Menuge is currently Professor of Philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin. He is the author of *Agents Under Fire: Materialism and the Rationality of Science*, *Science and the Savior*, *The Lutheran Difference: Christian Vocation*, and editor of C. S. Lewis: *Lightbearer in the Shadowlands*, *Christ and Culture in Dialogue*, and *Reading God's World: The Scientific Vocation*. Menuge has presented around the U.S. on Christian apologetics, intelligent design, and the vocation of scientist, and has debated a variety of skeptics, most recently P.Z. Myers.



Rev. Dr. Steven P. Mueller

Steven Mueller is Professor of Theology and Dean of Christ College undergraduate studies at Concordia University (Irvine, California). He holds academic degrees from Christ College (B.A.), Concordia Theological Seminary (M.Div., S.T.M.), and Durham University in England, where he earned his Ph.D. His numerous publications include *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology* and *Not a Tame God: Christ in the Writings of C.S. Lewis*.



Rev. Dr. Robert Newton

Robert Newton, a 1977 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, served as an evangelistic missionary to the Kankanaey people in the Philippines from 1977–83. He returned to the States in July of 1983 to pursue graduate studies at the School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He completed his doctorate in education in 1993 at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Rev. Newton served as professor of world missions at Concordia Theological Seminary from 1985 until 1998. For the 1996–97 academic year, he was on sabbatical with his family serving the Gutnius Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea under the Board for Mission Services. In 1998, he accepted a call as senior pastor to First Immanuel Lutheran Church, an urban, multi-cultural congregation in San Jose, California, and continued in that ministry until being elected president of the CNH District in 2003.



Mr. Craig Parton, Esq.

Craig Parton is a trial lawyer and partner with the oldest law firm in the Western United States, located in Santa Barbara, California. He received his Master's degree in Christian Apologetics under Dr. John Warwick Montgomery at the Simon Greenleaf School of Law. Mr. Parton then took his Juris Doctorate at the University of California, Hastings Law School in San Francisco. Craig Parton is also the United States Director of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. He is the author of three books, including *The Defense Never Rests: A Lawyer's Quest for the Gospel*. He has published articles in both law reviews and in numerous theological journals, including *Modern Reformation*, *Logia—A Journal of Lutheran Theology* and the *Global Journal of Classical Theology*. His latest book, just released in August of 2008, is entitled *Religion on Trial*.

Also presenting:

Mr. Sam Shamoun

Sam Shamoun was born in Kuwait, though raised largely in the U.S. in a Christian home. During his adolescent years, Mr. Shamoun's faith was confronted by and challenged with the teachings of Islam as the one true religion. This encounter shook Mr. Shamoun and thus began his intense study of Scripture especially in relevance to Muslim objections. Considered by scholars and theologians to be an authority on the teachings of Islam as well as Christianity, he currently writes for one of the world's most highly recognized Web sites, www.answering-islam.org, which challenges the teachings of Islam. In addition to the countless articles he has written for the Web site, Mr. Shamoun lectures around the country and has engaged in debates nationwide as an apologist addressing many of the objections and obstacles presented by Islam against the Christian faith.